(b) the total income of NTPC for this period;

(c) the dividend given to Government for the fiscal year 2003-04;

(d) whether it is a fact that NTPC has shown very little income as compared to other power generating companies; and

(c) if so, the reason for the low profits of NTPC?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The gross profit of NTPC for the year 2003-04 was Rs. 8576.50 crore.

(b) The total income of NTPC for the year 2003-04 was Rs. 25964.20 crore.

(c) NTPC has paid a dividend (excluding Tax on dividend) of Rupees 1082.30 crore for the fiscal year 2003-2004 to the Government.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. For the year 2003-04 NTPC's net profit after tax was Rs. 5260.80 crore.

Power generation by DPP

2329. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of Dabhol Power Project;

(b) how much power is being generated;

(c) whether it is its optimum installed capacity;

(d) whether getting the anticipated power through this Dabhol Project; and

(e) whether this unit is functioning on sound commercial lines and meeting its technical requirements?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Phase -I of the Debhol Power Project with a capacity of 740 MW was commissioned on 13.05.1999. PhasB-ll of 1444 MW capacity was under construction. Following contractual disputes between the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) and M/s. Dabhol Power Company (DPC) MSEB have re-scinded the Power Purchase Agreement with DPC and have stopped taking power from 29.05.2001. Since then, Phase-I has been under shut down and construction work on phase-ll has come to a halt.

(b) to (e) do not arise.